

Frederick County Department of Housing and Community Development

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RENTAL ALLOWANCE PROGRAM

Purpose of Program

The Rental Allowance Program (RAP), a joint program between the Frederick County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Frederick County Department of Social Services (DSS), provides short-term emergency assistance to renters who qualify. The program pays a rental allowance for six months while the resident is becoming or resuming self-sufficiency. "Self-sufficient" means the ability to pay the rent without the rental allowance.

Eligible Types of Housing

Any type of *non-subsidized* rental housing is eligible to be part of RAP. All units must meet the Frederick County Minimum Livability Code for Renters. Upon approval after DHCD inspection, DHCD pays the property owner directly each month, on behalf of the RAP resident.

Eligible Applicants

Applicants have two requirements. First, the applicant must be financially eligible, according to family size and gross annual income. The household's income may not exceed 30% of the Washington Area Median Income Limits of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and published by Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Rental Allowance Program. Second, the applicant must have a verifiable plan to increase income to self-sufficiency level over the six months the program is in effect.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income Limits	\$21,550	\$24,650	\$27,700	\$30,800	\$33,250	\$35,750	\$38,200	\$40,650

*income limits in effect 5/1/2009

How to Apply

Colleen Lewis at DSS screens all potential applicants by phone about the emergency or critical situation. When applicable she schedules in-person appointments to conduct interviews and take applications. The application is then sent to DHCD for rental inspection and final approval.

For Further Information

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